National lake conservation plan in Rajasthan

1867. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the lakes covered under the scheme of National Lake Conservation Plan since June, 2001, in Rajasthan;

(b) what has been achieved, so far;

(c) whether any proposals from Rajasthan are pending with his Ministry in above context; and

(d) if so, the status of their disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Under the National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP), projects for conservation of Mansagar Lake in Jaipur, Anasagar and Pushkar Lakes in Ajmer, Fateh Sagar and Pichola Lake System in Udaipur have been sanctioned in Rajasthan at a total cost of Rs.214.98 crore.

The main objective envisaged in these projects is prevention of pollution from point sources causing lake degradation and in-situ lake conservation. While the project for conservation of Mansagar Lake in Jaipur has been completed, the other projects in different stages of implementation.

(c) and (d) The project on 'Rejuvenation of Nakki Lake' in Mount Abu has been granted 'in-principle' approval subject to the clearance from National Board for Wild Life by the State Government. No proposal from Rajasthan is pending with the Ministry for consideration under the NLCP scheme.

Protection of tigers

1868. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Tiger Conservation Authority has come under serious attack from a Special Investigation Team (SIT) set up by his Ministry for its failure to protect tigers from poachers even in reserved parks like Panna;

(b) how much damage has been caused by poachers to the endangered species in national reserve centuries; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the SIT has painted an alarming picture about the presence of tigers in Panna, once their main habitat and if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to save the Big Cat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No Sir.

(b) The details of tiger mortality due to poaching during the current year, as reported by States and information gathered from the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).